III. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-15 are presented for further consideration.

Request for Reconsideration

In rejecting the claims, the examiner has cited, for the first time, the reference Bentley as a basis for the rejections based on anticipation. The citation of this new reference was not necessitated by Applicant's prior amendments and accordingly the issuing of final rejection is improper under MPEP section 706.07(c) where it is stated:

> **"While the rules no longer give to an applicant the right to "amend as often as the examiner presents new references or reasons for rejection," present practice does not sanction hasty and ill-considered final rejections. The applicant, who is seeking to define his or her invention in claims that will give him or her the patent protection to which he or she is justly entitled should receive the cooperation of the examiner to that end, and not be prematurely cut off in the prosecution of his or her application."**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the final nature of the pending office action. This request is being made within 2-months of the mailing date of the Office Action.

The Office Action

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35USC102(e) based on the reference Bentley, et al, U.S. Patent No.7,159,172.   The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection in view of the following remarks.

This rejection is traversed on the following grounds:

The cited reference Bentley fails to disclose each and every limitation of the

inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (See <u>CHISOLM</u>, Federal Circuit Guide, Pg. 1221). In particular claim 1 as amended states:

"storing language specific rules of syntax in a memory;
 - sequentially processing the text, based on the stored language
  specific rules of syntax, to identify a start element and end
element,

 - selecting a first text portion between the start element and
end element as the reading portion and placing the selected
portion on the read pane, and..."

The reference Bentley fails to disclose these features.

Bentley involves a display apparatus 20 for using rapid sequential visual presentation (RSVP) (see abstract). RSVP is described as "a known display technique in which single words 10 of a document text are presented in their sequential order" (see column 1, lines 10-14).

The display of Bentley is described at column 3, lines 24-28 as follows:

"Referring to FIGS. 4(a) and 4(b), in a first example, an RSVP region 30 is generated in a stationary window located towards the center of a displayed image 32. A thumbnail view 34 of a document page is also generated and placed in the image "behind" or "under" the RSVP region 30."

An input device for controlling the display is described at column 3, lines 9-13 as follows:

"The input device is not shown explicitly in FIG. 1, but may, for example, comprise one or more of a touch sensitive screen, one or more buttons or keys, or a pointing device. The input device may be used to control, for example, the reading rate (i.e. the rate at which the words at presented in turn in an RSVP display), start and stop controls for starting and stopping the RSVP presentation, and navigation controls for enabling the user to locate text desired to be read. "

Bentley, therefore, teaches that one screen, the thumbnail view, provides the context for words displayed on a smaller screen, the RSVP view. The RSVP screen displays a sequence of words, generally one word at a time, as indicated above. The input device is merely a curser that is manually used to start the text that is being displayed continuously, word by word. There is nothing in Bentley that provides a selection of a group of words, extending between a starting point and an ending point for simultaneous display in the RSVP screen, wherein the starting point an ending point are selected based on rules of syntax. Bentley, therefore, fails to teach this clearly recited limitation of the independent claims.

Claim 1 further states:

> **"further processing connected portions of the selected text for a new start element and a new end element and selecting the text portion between the new start element and new end element of a second text portion contiguous to said first text portion for display as the next reading portion and placing the selected contiguous portion on the read pane, if a shift command is received."**

In the sequential display process of Bentley, the words are continuously presented in sequence, word by word, from the beginning to the end of the text desired to be read. Although the increment of text, displayed at any one time, is illustrated and described as, word by word, there is an incidental suggestion that "short phrases" may be used (see column 1, line 55). However, Bentley fails completely to describe any manner by which a short phrase may be selected as an incrementally displayed item.

As described in independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 15, the subject matter of this application involves the display, in a read screen, of a passage of text defined by rules of syntax. Such passages are defined and displayed, as the text is processed for display from start to finish, and such phrases form the incremental substance of the text displayed in the read pane of this application on a sequential basis. At best Bentley teaches a word by word sequence consistent

with the known RSVP technique. This falls well short of the claimed subject matter of this application. Bentley therefore, fails to support the Examiner's rejection based on anticipation.

The above represents the full extent of the teaching of Bentley. Applicant submits further that there is no mention of applying the teaching of Bentley to hypertext pages, therefore, there is no decoding of the hypertext according to the claims. It follows that their is no need for preprocessing. Nevertheless, the Examiner indicates that Bentley teaches "preprocessing the pages in order to display the text portion of them" citing column 2, lines 62, through column 3, line 10. This excerpt mentions display controller 26, as generating a display, but nothing further. It is unclear how the Examiner applies this to the claims of this application.

The Examiner seeks to find the language specific rules of Syntax in Bentley and indicates as follows:

"...'the language specific rules of syntax' is being interpreted as an ordered arrangement of text elements specified by the user. Therefore, the reference Bentley includes the stored control information related to the sequence of words and provides a similar function of 'language specific rules of syntax' for reading text straightforward and a desired rate designated by the user of the device."

The control information of Bentley is entered by use of input device 28, these entries are described in column 4, lines 20-28 as follows:

"However, the provision of the thumbnail can additionally be used to provide navigation control for the user. By clicking at, or moving a cursor to, a desired location in the thumbnail view, the display controller 26 can be controlled to start the RSVP presentation from that location in the document text. Also, for the first example illustrated in FIGS. 4(a) and 4(b), the user may be able to drag the document thumbnail 34 relative to the RSVP region 30, to control the start position for the RSVP presentation."
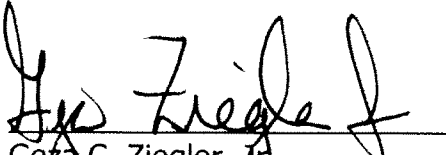
The so called control information entered by the user is only a starting point for presenting text. There is no mention of defining the increments of text according to language specific rules of syntax. It therefore, follows that there is no storing of language specific rules of syntax either. The Examiner fails to understand that the Applicant's system presents the text in the read pane in passages that reflect a user reading habits, for example between punctuation marks. It is a distinct advantage over systems such as Bentley because it is much easier to read a obtain the substance of the text. There is no defined passage in Bentley only word by word. Certainly the claims of this application do not read on the display system of Bentley. The teaching of Bentley fails to support the rejection based on anticipation with respect to any of independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 15.

These grounds apply equally to the rejected dependent claims, all of which, by dependency, have the limitations described in the independent claims.

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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